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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 56.4 degrees, 0.5 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 7. Precipitation averaged 0.81 inches, this is 0.15 inches more than the historic level. The Northwest district received the most precipitation with 1.41 inches, while the South Central district received the least at 0.44 inches. Growing degree days were 2 days above normal.

Reporters rated 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 5. This is 1.5 days more than last year and 1.0 days more than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2001	6.1	3.7	128.1
2000	4.6	3.6	116.4
1996-2000 Average	5.1	5.4	129.8

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	8	22	67	3
Last Week	5	18	67	10
Same Week Last Year	0	2	64	34
1996-2000 Average	7	22	60	11

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

Reporters estimated that 75 percent of the **Corn** crop is mature. This is three days behind last year but two days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 88 percent complete. This is one day ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Twelve percent of the corn crop has been harvested for grain. This is one day behind last year and three days behind the 1996-00 average. Ninety-eight percent of the **Soybean** crop is dropping leaves. This is 13 days ahead of last year and about nine days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Soybeans are 88 percent mature. This is nine days ahead of last year. Forty-three percent of the soybeans have been harvested. This is three days ahead of last year and one day ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay**

fourth cutting is 73 percent complete. This is one day behind last year. **Other Hay** third cutting is 89 percent complete. This is one day ahead of last year and on schedule with of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 96 percent harvested. This is eight days behind last year. Seven percent of the tobacco crop is stripped. This is two days behind last year. The **Winter Wheat** crop is 44 percent planted. This is two days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Two percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged. This is on schedule with last year but three days behind the 1996-00 average. **Potatoes** are 91 percent harvested. This is five days behind last year but five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Processing Tomatoes** are 94 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year but one day ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Fall and Winter apples** are 63 percent harvested. This is one day behind last year. **Grapes** are 75 percent harvested. This is five days behind last year. **Sugarbeets** are one percent harvested.

Activities throughout the state include chisel plowing, mowing ditches, waterway construction and preparation, spreading lime and fertilizer, winter wheat and rye planting, cutting tobacco, baling hay, repairing equipment, cutting firewood, hauling grain and manure, drying grain, harvesting watermelons, raspberries, apples and grapes, harvesting corn silage, soybean and speltz harvesting, pumpkins, potatoes, and other vegetables harvesting continues.

**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS**  
Corn and soybean harvesting has picked up due to last week's 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Reported insects included soybean aphids, ladybugs, spittle bugs, squash bugs, box elder bugs, mosquitoes, spider mites, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include purslane, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state. In Fulton County, apples were reported in good condition but some fruit trees were lost after being blown down by strong winds and the wet soils through the summer.

Reporters rated 45 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 55 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 58 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. Calves in Harrison County were being weaned while others were hauled to market. The cooler temperatures the past few weeks has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	73	74	NA	64	NA
Corn harvested for silage	88	86	69	79	NA
Corn harvested for grain	12	13	15	5	20
Corn mature	75	83	70	58	81
Fall and Winter apples harvested	63	65	NA	48	NA
Grapes harvested	75	85	NA	53	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	89	88	89	88	NA
Potatoes harvested	91	96	84	79	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	94	97	93	86	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	93	91	91	79
Soybeans mature	88	76	NA	58	NA
Soybeans harvested	43	34	40	12	16
Sugarbeets harvested	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco harvested	96	100	NA	93	NA
Tobacco stripped	7	9	NA	1	NA
Winter Wheat planted	44	38	35	5	52
Winter Wheat emerged	2	2	5	1	25

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	29	41	14
Previous Week	4	10	29	45	12
Previous Year	1	5	22	48	24
HAY					
Current Week	2	10	34	44	10
Previous Week	2	9	36	43	10
Previous Year	0	5	19	57	19
PASTURE					
Current Week	3	16	36	37	8
Previous Week	4	14	35	39	8
Previous Year	1	5	23	54	17
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	10	29	43	15
Previous Week	3	10	29	44	14
Previous Year	3	9	27	42	19

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	54.8	-1.6	1.41	0.91	23.82	3.12	61	-8	3061	102
North Central	55.9	-0.7	1.33	0.73	19.67	-1.91	66	-1	3026	115
Northeast	56.0	0.3	0.75	-0.05	17.41	-5.03	67	5	2783	24
West Central	56.4	-0.5	0.90	0.24	28.26	6.16	72	0	3217	145
Central	57.2	0.0	0.62	-0.06	23.23	0.06	79	6	3244	136
Central Hills	56.2	0.3	0.86	0.21	20.99	-1.94	71	5	2949	68
Northeast Hills	56.3	0.1	0.71	0.06	19.52	-3.20	71	5	2970	39
Southwest	57.5	-0.6	0.61	-0.16	28.36	4.71	79	2	3373	107
South Central	57.2	-1.1	0.44	-0.16	23.47	0.25	81	2	3410	113
Southeast	56.5	-0.5	0.53	-0.11	23.53	0.32	78	5	3162	52
STATE	56.4	-0.5	0.81	0.15	23.14	0.56	73	2	3137	92

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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